
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 1 – SOLIDARITY WITH CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Robert Largan
- (ii) Councillor Charlie Dewhurst

This Council notes the following:

There has been a worrying number of racist and xenophobic incidents following the result of the referendum, including alleged racially motivated graffiti sprayed on the Polish Social & Cultural Association building on King Street in Hammersmith. Nearly half of residents in Hammersmith & Fulham were born outside of the United Kingdom.

This borough has been home to a Polish community going back to the 1940s when Polish service personnel were stationed in West London as they fought for Britain against Nazi tyranny.

This Council unequivocally condemns all forms of racism, xenophobia, bigotry, intolerance and prejudice.

This Council commends the Polish Social & Cultural Association for their decades of excellent work to promote the historic and cultural ties between the UK, Poland and its neighbours in Eastern Europe.

This Council believes that the residents who are citizens of other countries are a vital part of life in Hammersmith & Fulham and play a hugely positive role in our community.

This Council resolves to send out an unequivocal message of support, friendship and solidarity to all residents in the borough and looks forward to the continued positive contribution made by citizens from across the world.